

[Mr. K. K. Thomas.]

(b) if any enquiry has been made since then, the result of such enquiry; and

(c) if they find any difficulties, what those difficulties are?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The member is referred to the answer given to interpellation No. 65 by Mr. P. K. Narayana Pillai.

Statement, by Castes, of Proverthikars in the State.

67. MR. A. J. JOHN (*Vaikam*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement, caste by caste, of the *Proverthikars* in the State?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): A statement† containing the information is laid on the table.

MR. A. J. JOHN (*Vaikam*): May I know the number of *Proverthikars* appointed during the last five years?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): I am not ready with those figures now.

MR. A. J. JOHN (*Vaikam*): May I know whether there were applications from Eazhavas, Mahomedans, Roman Catholics and others?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): I am not in a position to say that definitely now.

MR. A. J. JOHN (*Vaikam*): The list is so prepared that certain communities are not included in it. May I know why?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): We have shown information on all heads and, if any further information is wanted, it will be called for.

MR. A. J. JOHN (*Vaikam*): In the caste-war statement asked for, information is given regarding the appointment of Brahmins, Christians and other castes. May I know why Ezhavas and Mahomedans are not included?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): In the statement furnished, the existing *Proverthikars* in the service have been classified into groups, and put under respective communities.

MR. A. J. JOHN (*Vaikam*): So, am I to understand that there are no Mahomedan and Ezhava *Proverthikars*?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): I am not able to say that now.

Police Inspector, Paravur.

68. MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): (a) Will the Government be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the sanction of the Government was requested by several persons in Paravur for making the Police Inspector there a defendant in some criminal cases filed in the Magistrates' Courts at Quilon?

† *Vide Appendix II — page 152.*

(b) If so, what was the action taken by the Government on their request and the reasons for the same?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (a) There were two applications for permission to prosecute the Police Inspector at Paravur.

(b) The first petition was rejected as it was clearly found on enquiry that the allegations contained in it were false and that it was the outcome of a grudge which the petitioner bore the Inspector for charging him in a criminal case and for having his younger brother convicted of drunkenness and disorderly conduct. In regard to the second complaint the petitioner's vakil withdrew from the case while the enquiry was being conducted on the ground that the Inspector was one of the few who had succeeded in winning public esteem. The leading citizens of Paravur also attended this enquiry and protested against the allegation made by the petitioner to concoct a false case against the Inspector. Thus there was no need to give sanction for prosecution.

Computer-Draftsmen of the Land Records Department.

69. **MR. M. N. PILLAI** (*Trivandrum*): (a) Will the Government be pleased to state whether they had exempted the computer-draftsmen of the Land Records Department from general qualification and age-bar rules?

(b) Have the Government made any arrangement to provide them in other departments as promised by the Land Revenue Commissioner during the discussion in the Legislative Council?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (a) No.

(b) Some of the disbanded computer-draftsmen have been appointed as *Pakuthi* Accountants and others have been ordered to be provided, to the extent possible, with appointments suitable to their attainments.

*Action taken on the Suggestion of the Town-planning Expert,
Mr. Dann.*

70. **MR. M. N. PILLAI** (*Trivandrum*): Will the Government be pleased to state what action they have taken on the report submitted by Mr. Dann, the town-planning expert, about the improvement of the city and if they have not considered it yet, will they be pleased to take early steps to act according to his suggestions?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): No report was submitted by Mr. Dann.

In January 1925, on his way from Tenkasi to Cochin, Mr. Dann visited Trivandrum at the instance of the late Dewan. While here, it appears they discussed the desirability of preparing a town extension scheme, and after leaving Trivandrum, Mr. Dann wrote to the Dewan about the desirability of introducing a scheme of town-planning on sanitary lines in respect of all the important towns in the State, especially Trivandrum. He offered certain terms for preparing a report on the subject and promised, if necessary, to prepare the same on his return from England for which he was leaving soon after. In reply, he was told that the question had to lie over till his return from leave.